

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended and is pending in this application. Amendments to claim 1 is editorial in nature.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In this rejection, the Examiner points that the phrase "the outer floor surface meet" is unclear and confusing. Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's rejection. The basic structure of a second receptacle in claim 1 is that the second receptacle is formed opposite to said first receptacle in the contact part where A and B meet, wherein A is a first floor link which is sewn to an outer surface of a corner portion of tent fabric and B is a second floor link which is sewn to an outer floor surface. In this regard, the claimed language is definite and not confusing. The Examiner's reconsideration is respectfully requested. Applicant submits that claim 1 is in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gladden in view of Mahn. Applicant traverses the rejection for the following reasons.

The claimed invention is directed to a waterproof structure of a tent floor link which is assembled to the corner portion of a tent set up with poles that includes a first receptacle, a second receptacle, a waterproof-coated member and a waterproof tape. Applicant submits that the prior art cited by the Examiner completely fail to disclose or suggest all of the features of the claimed invention.

With regard to the first receptacle and the second receptacle, the Examiner is relying on Gladden. Applicant submits that Gladden neither discloses nor suggests the first receptacle which is formed by folding the corner portions of the tent fabric in an inner

direction of the tent, and a second receptacle which is formed opposite to said first receptacle in a corner part where a first floor link which is sewn to an outer wall surface of a corner portion of tent fabric and a second floor link which is sewn to an outer floor surface meet. Gladden merely discloses openable door panels having a lower horizontal edge terminating above ground level (see Abstract and Fig. 2). Applicant submits that this has nothing to do with the first receptacle and the second receptacle of the claimed invention. In addition, the first receptacle is formed by folding the corner portions of the tent fabric in the inner direction of the tent, whereas the openable door panels is made and openable to the outer direction of the tent.

With regard to the waterproof-coated member and the waterproof tape, the Examiner is relying on Mahn. Although Mahn discloses outer water repellent layer 34 and water-proof film layer 14, Mahn fails to disclose or suggest the waterproof-coated member which is fixed by a plurality of sewing lines, after both ends are inserted into said first receptacle and second receptacle. Further, Mahn fails to disclose or suggest the waterproof tape which is attached to the sewing lines sewn to the first receptacle while shielding an inner surface of tent fabric. Applicant is requested to point out any other passages which describe or teach the waterproof-coated member and the waterproof tape of claim 1


For all of the reasons discussed above, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is not made obvious over Gladden in view of Mahn Jr. et al. under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

The prior art made of the record and not relied upon is noted.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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